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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – LAPD Officer Arrested for Trying to Smuggle Immigrants Across Border**

(U) A Los Angeles police officer has been arrested on federal charges alleging he tried to smuggle two illegal immigrants into the United States last week in southeastern San Diego County. Mambasse Koulabalo Patara has been charged with violating immigration laws, according to a federal complaint filed on 25 April.

SOURCE: 26 April 2018, [CBS Local](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) San Diego –Migrants from Caravan in Limbo as US Says Border Crossing Full**

(U) About 50 people from a Central American migrant caravan including women, children and transgender individuals tried to seek US asylum yesterday, but were not allowed to cross the Mexico border because officials said the facility was full. It is unknown whether the group will be turned back or allowed in later, but Customs and Border Patrol has stated the San Ysidro port of entry is currently at maximum capacity.

SOURCE: 28 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U)Massachusetts – School District Pays \$10,000 USD in Bitcoin Ransom After Cyberattack**

(U) Leominster – A Massachusetts school district was waiting on 27 April for its computer system to be “unlocked” after it paid a \$10,000 bitcoin ransom to hackers following a cyberattack on its system. Despite the nefarious nature of the school system’s lockdown, there is no criminal investigation into the matter because solving this crime is “impossible,” said Interim Leominster Police Chief Michael Goldman.

SOURCE: 28 April 2018, [CBS Local](#)

(U)Texas – 48 Undocumented Immigrants Discovered in South Texas Stash House

(U) Laredo – Customs and Border Patrol agents raided two stash or drop houses containing 48 undocumented immigrants in Laredo, Texas. The first operation occurred 23 April in Weslaco, Texas, after agents received information on a possible stash house location. Border agents, working in partner with Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office, discovered 21 immigrants. Then on 26 April, in Pharr, Texas, another house investigation yielded 27 immigrants. Most immigrants were from Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, and Ecuador.

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) United Kingdom – UK Police Investigate Possible Terrorism Motive in Birmingham Car Incident**

(U) London – Police said they were investigating whether an incident outside a mosque in Birmingham on 27 April in which two men in their 20s were hit by a car was terrorism-related. One of the men was described as having a head injury, and the other as walking wounded, West Midlands Police said in a statement. The car failed to stop after the incident. "At this time we have not ruled in or out the potential that this could be terror-related but we're keeping an open mind until we have investigated further," said Detective Inspector Greg Evans.

SOURCE: 27 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) France – Europe and US Police Seize Servers Used By ISIS Propaganda Sites

(U) Paris – Police around Europe and North America have seized servers and data from Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) propaganda outlets in a multi-country operation aimed at tracking down radicals and crimping the group's ability to spread its violent message. The two-day operation was the culmination of efforts started in late 2015, after coordinated IS attacks that killed 130 people in Paris, according to a statement from European police agency Europol. Police notably targeted the IS-branded Amaq news agency, as well as al-Bayan radio, and Halumu and Nasher news sites.

SOURCE: 30 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Russia Says It Thwarted Planned Islamic State Attacks in Moscow

(U) Moscow – Russia's domestic security service said on 27 April it had thwarted an ISIS plan to conduct attacks in the Moscow area, where soccer World Cup matches are due to take place this summer. The FSB security service said it had cut short the activity of what it called a four-man ISIS sleeper cell which was taking instructions from someone in Syria via the Telegram messenger service. It did not provide details of when the attacks were meant to take place or what the precise targets were.

SOURCE: 30 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

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